

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claim 3 includes allowable subject matter. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, including the subject of former independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 and all claims depending therefrom are patentable.

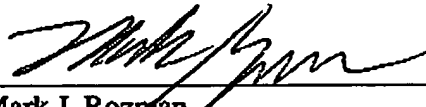
Claims 28 and 29 have been amended to correct their dependencies. It is respectfully submitted that these pending claims still include allowable subject matter.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

9/18/06



Mark J. Rozman
Registration No. 42,117
TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.
1616 S. Voss Road, Suite 750
Houston, Texas 77057-2631
(512) 418-9944 [Phone]
(713) 468-8883 [Fax]
Customer No.: 21906